



DANIEL HARRIGAN, MAYOR

Proclamation

To The People of Akron:

Whereas: Here in the City of Akron, we are proud to celebrate our diversity and commit to achieving equal justice under the law for all LGBT Americans; and

Whereas: On June 28, 1969, patrons and supporters of the Stonewall Inn in New York City resisted police harassment that had become all too common for members of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. Out of this resistance, the LGBT rights movement in America was born; and

Whereas: Every June, Pride events are held all over the world to commemorate the events of June 1969, and to recognize the positive and lasting impact LGBT people have had on society; and

Whereas: The LGBT rights movement has achieved great progress, but there is more work to be done. LGBT youth should feel safe to learn, play and live without the fear of harassment, and LGBT families and seniors should be allowed to live their lives with dignity and respect; and

Whereas: The City of Akron is proud to host and participate in the annual Akron Pride Festival where participants can enjoy local and national entertainers and exhibitors, an interactive children's area and food and beverages from local food trucks, while unifying and affirming the LGBTQ+ community and allies in celebrating diversity.

Now, Therefore: I, Daniel Horrigan, Mayor of the City of Akron, Ohio, do hereby proclaim each June in Akron as:

“LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH”

and call on residents to work together to promote equal rights for all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

In Witness Whereof: I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Akron to be affixed hereto this 1st day of June, 2021.



Dan Horrigan
Mayor
City of Akron